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Attorney General Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

We are writing today to encourage the Department of Justice to accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement. The suit dragged out long enough and it is time to allow Microsoft and the industry to move forward.

The settlement was arrived at after extensive negotiations with a court-appointed mediator. The terms are fair: Microsoft actually agreed to terms that extend well beyond the products and procedures that were at issue in the suit, even going so far as to divulge some of its software code to other companies that will use it against Microsoft. It is time that the government accepts the settlement and allows Microsoft to return to concentrating on business.

Microsoft has dealt with the government threatening to break up the company for over three years now. It is unfortunate that companies have to deal with such government over regulation. It is time for business to return to normal. Please accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement.

I would like to add that my wife and I were so pleased with your appointment as Attorney General and that we hold you in our prayers as you face all the decisions that are placed before you that God will give you continued direction and wisdom.

We do not know of Bill Gates religious standing, but we do believe that God has blessed him, because of his generosity around the world and here in America, to help various organizations and the education system and encourage you to take this into consideration when you make your decision.

Sincerely,

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